

Blue and Green and Paint all Over

By Erin Jolie Thompson

Students may have wondered why Luther's lounge walls looked a little blue or green lately. It is not because they are sick... they are simply undergoing a makeover that was long overdue, anxiously anticipated, and a very exciting time for all Luther ladies.

The lounge of Martin Luther's dorm was redecorated. A dozen or so Concordia students gathered together on Saturday, Jan. 22, to wash the walls, tape the edges, and roll on the thick, latex-based paint.

This afternoon of painting, good tunes, hard work, and satisfying results was only one step in the process of refurbishing the Luther lounge. Located on the second floor of the residence hall (at ground level), this place was once a white, empty, unattractive chamber that was rarely used; the only inhabitants were usually males who visited the Luther residents and had to use the bathroom.

Through initiative from Student Senate, Aileen Talde and Michael



Photo by Ben Fink

Students find a quiet place to study in the newly-painted lounge in Luther Hall.

Miller headed up a Student Senate Service Team devoted to improving dorm quality. "As we started to paint, I realized that this project is my baby, and I'm happy we can do this for the students [because they] need options other

than Tier Zero after dorm hours." Talde said.

The team started by beautifying Luther lounge and making it a more comfortable living place to study, socialize, and relax in for the Luther ladies and their

tables, and two large, comfortable chairs. In addition to the furniture, they decided to paint the lounges, purchase lamps, and buy other small accessories. In addition, Devin Gallison will be creating some original artwork.

Miller, Vice President of Relations for Student Senate last semester, offered some insight to the project as well: "The project has been in some aspects painstaking and slow to get off the ground but all that planning and preparation have paid off. I'm really proud of the leadership that Aileen has shown in moving this project along. She's acted in a way that exemplifies Student Senate: responsive and serving. I am also very thankful of everyone else who's had a hand in getting this project going. If it hadn't been for Jim Orchard there wouldn't

New Year's Resolutions

By Erin Jolie Thompson

Lose weight, stop smoking, eat healthy foods, stop procrastinating, be more organized; the list of common New Year's Resolutions goes on for infinity, but according to many polls, 90 percent of the population quit their New Year's Resolutions after one week.

Since it is long past the first week of January, one should check back with some Concordia students to see how they are faring on their New Year's resolutions to change, improve, fix, and develop into better people for 2005.

Kali Williams, junior from Wisconsin, states that her New Year's Resolution was to "be more financially responsible." Williams says, "I haven't quit yet...I can't afford to quit it!" Advice for those seeking to hold fast in keeping their resolutions from expert resolutionist Williams is to "choose a New Year's Resolution that is attainable and possible to keep. It shouldn't be incredibly far-fetched."

Secondly, Jake Borkhus, sophomore also from Wisconsin, shared that he also had a New Year's resolution. "My resolution was to get buff," Borkhus proclaimed, puffing out his chest. "I am planning on lifting weights in a couple of days," Borkhus said in his defense. Girlfriend

Lindsay Hargens informed me in private that Borkhus really only has worked out once, but he is still confident in his ability to buff up by working out once per month.

Moving on to a warmer hometown, Brittany McIntyre, a sophomore coming from Oklahoma, stated that her New Year's Resolution was to be healthier. "It's still going really well; I don't buy unhealthy snacks

and drinks, like pop. I stop eating when I'm full, and I exercise every week with the dance team." McIntyre also agrees with Williams in her advice to make a resolution attainable.

"I had a New Years Resolution to get in shape," Sydney Bickett, freshman from Minnesota stated. "It's going a little bit better than last year because I am eating healthier. I made this resolution last year and it worked in the summer, but it's harder to keep my resolution while I am in school and busy all the time."

Hargens, a sophomore South Dakotan native, stated that her resolution was to get organized. "This is a crucial year for me, as a sophomore, because I have to get my portfolio ready for teaching, as well as a lot of other things like organizing my room, my computer, and even my closet." Her progress is going well because she purchased some tubs and containers from Ikea. "Ikea is amazing!" Hargens claims. "If it were a person, I would be in love with it." Buying organizing tubs and containers is great advice from Hargens that all messy people can use.

Lastly, Abby Gimbel, sophomore, stated that her resolution was to eat more cornbread. "This resolution has been actually going really well. The dining hall has really been corn-breading it up. I don't

know how they found out about my resolution, but they have really been doing well with giving students cornbread options like I have not seen before."

This is exciting news, coming from the cornbread-obsessed students.

In the New Year, some Concordia students have been keeping their resolutions very well.

guests.

After pinpointing particular areas to improve, Talde proposed the idea to the rest of Student Senate, which approved the purchase of a couch, loveseat, end

"As we started to paint, I realized that this project is my baby, and I'm happy we can do this for the students [because they] need options other than Tier Zero after dorm hours."
- Aileen Talde

have even been paint. My hope is that the Luther Ladies will utilize their newly remodeled lounge and continue to give suggestions to Concordia Administration and Student Senate on ways to further improve their living spaces to serve their needs."

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Western Civilization Professor to Seek New Opportunities

By Kaitlin Hartnett

After finishing his third year at Concordia University, Dr. Christopher Simer announced that he would be leaving campus in the hopes of finding a full-time job. "I'm just looking for other opportunities," he said.

Although he will be leaving this semester, he said that he had a high regard for Concordia, and that "if fortune favors" he would come back to school for a full-time teaching position.

Simer came to Concordia University after receiving a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota and working at the institution as a teaching assistant (T.A.) for several years.

Before the University of Minnesota, Simer had been an undergraduate student at Beloit College in Wisconsin, doing a double major in History and Classics. He also did publishing in California.

Originally, Simer said he had not really planned on becoming a professor. He did not even start teaching until after he had success in publishing.

"I loved history," he said. "And I found out I was a really effective teacher. I discovered it was something I really wanted to do."

Jessica Johnson, a sophomore who took Western Civilization, said that she really appreciated the way Simer was able to tell the history of Western Civilization in a story rather than a timeline point of view.

"He didn't even have to look at his notes, he knew his stuff so well," Johnson said. "He was definitely one of the most knowledgeable professors in his area. He could answer any question."

As for teaching at Concordia, Simer said he was altogether very impressed with the students, faculty and campus in general. "It was a pleasure and a privilege to work with them," he said. "I really enjoyed the atmosphere, and I really liked Concordia."

Simer continued, "Everyone was really nice, and I was treated very well even though I was just an adjunct professor."

Johnson also said she really got a lot more knowledge out of the class other than the history of Western Civilization. "I'm an Education major, and it really pays off to know your stuff," she said. "It makes the experience a whole lot better."

While at Concordia, Simer taught Western Civilization since the Reformation and Western

Civilization.

As for his future plans, Simer said he is planning to take a trip around Europe in the spring, specifically to Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Turkey to visit the historical sites. He also said he is contemplating post-graduate studies while looking for a full-time position.

Simer was born in the Beartooth

Mountains in western Montana, but moved to Minneapolis when he was young. "I mostly grew up in Minneapolis," he said. "I liked Montana because I like mountains. That's the same reason I really enjoy Alaska, but it's hard to make a living in such areas." He said he had been to Alaska several times because he

was trained as an instructor for the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS).

All in all, Simer concluded that he hopes that fortune will favor him and he could possibly return to Concordia University for a full-time teaching position. He appreciates the kindness and respect from the entire faculty.

Around the World in Eighteen Days

By Amanda Neal

While most of the Concordia community relaxed and recouped from a busy fall semester, others geared up for the trip of a lifetime. A group of sixteen members embarked on a journey to another land: Thailand. Over Christmas break, from Jan. 1 to Jan. 18, Dr. David Bredehoft and Dr. Mike Walcheski led a diverse group of Concordia University, St. Paul faculty and students on a beautiful and engaging tour of Bangkok and Chiang Mai. Included in this trip were Bredehoft's brother, Mark Bredehoft, Mr. Lee Pao Xiong, Mr. Denny Larsen and his daughter Amanda Larsen, Professor Sally Baas and her son Brad, Dr. Cheryl Chatman, Robin Nelson, Amanda Neal, Laura Hernick, Deu Xiong, Jena Vue, Ka Vue, and Pa Moua.

The group had seventeen days to experience the history and culture of Thailand and split their time between the capitol city of Bangkok and the southern tourist city of Chiang Mai. The group was led by a tour guide, Poon, who was wonderfully informative about the culture, history, and facts of this ancient and beautiful country. The group toured temples and observed the Buddhist religion, took a delicious Thai cooking class, rode on a longtail boat through the Bangkok canals, fed and rode elephants, experienced the beautiful and diverse landscape of the area, got attacked by monkeys in the City of Monkeys, learned a few Thai words, visited a Hmong refugee camp, indulged in foot massages, learned how to barter, and best of all, how to spend money the Thai way.

Just a couple days before the group was set to leave on this adventure, tragedy struck

Southeast Asia in the form of a devastating earthquake and tsunami. The southern islands of Phuket were the areas most affected in this region, so thankfully, the area visited by the group was relatively unaffected physically. The disaster was the topic of much news coverage in that area, however, and donation boxes were seen on every street corner and in every temple visited. Hearts went out to the Thai people who were mourning such a great loss.

Many memories flooded the group members as they made their way back home and readjusted to the U.S. way of life. Experiencing a new culture and witnessing the human struggle to survive in such a primitive setting have a way of shaping personal views and creating new world beliefs. This trip was a learning experience in so many ways, and though it had its highs and lows, it is a trip that the participants will never forget.

Recommended Reading

By Debra Beilke

In honor of **Black History Month**, "The Sword" is recommending some great novels and plays written by and about African-Americans. This is just a small selection of wonderful works to get you started. If you would like more suggestions, feel free to contact Dr. Debra Beilke at beilke@csp.edu. Happy Reading!

GEORGE SCHUYLER. "Black No More." This little-known novel from the Harlem Renaissance (1931) is a scathingly funny satire of America's obsession with race. A scientist discovers how to transform black people into whites, and thousands of blacks transform their skins so they look lighter. But because so many black people became white, white skin becomes no longer desirable and the racism is reversed.

ZORA NEALE HURSON. "Their Eyes Were Watching God." This 1937 novel tells the story of Janie Crawford, an African-American woman from Florida who searches for (and finds) love, identity and her own voice.

OCTAVIA BUTLER. "Kindred." First published in 1979, this science fiction novel portrays a black woman from 1976 who travels back in time to the antebellum South where she discovers first hand what it was like to be a slave.

AUGUST WILSON. I would recommend any of the plays written by Wilson, a dramatist who is still alive and writing. His goal, which he has almost completed, is to write one play for every decade of the 20th century. Each play focuses on the joys and struggles faced by African-Americans during that particular time period. You may want to begin with "Fences." This play, set in the 1950s, focuses on Troy Maxson, a former baseball player who was not able to play in the Major Leagues because of his race. Troy struggles not only with racism, but also with his wife, his children, and his own personal demons.

TONI MORRISON. I would also recommend anything written by contemporary writer Morrison, who has won the Nobel Prize among her many other awards. Perhaps her best novel is "Beloved," her harrowing account of a runaway slave woman who kills her own children rather than allowing them to be taken back into slavery.



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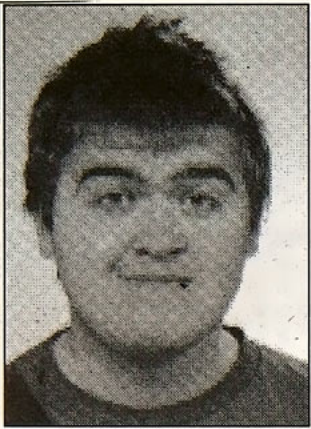


Photo by Eric Cannedy

By Jeremy Johnson

With both the start of a new semester and the turning over of the calendar, a reassessment of our place in this modern world is due. Whatever misfortunes have been experienced over the past year are just that, past misfortunes. Much like the replacement of old calendars with new, clever, and decorative ones (perhaps one featuring a favorite animal or cartoon strip), all are allowed to cast aside 2004 and instead set their sights on the glimmering, hopeful year of 2005. This casting-aside process of the past year should certainly not include the complete dispossession of all experiences, but rather the opposite. Experiences remain simply experiences unless one derives from these the knowledge available, and is in turn able to grow as a person. Jan. 1 allows all to collect these personal experiences and, hopefully, with a little introspective thought, learn to avoid the negatives in the New

Year and stick with positives.

This inner-reconciliation process can take place in all aspects of life, whether in examining the relationships that have been built or the sports teams we closely follow. Nothing should be considered untouchable. That person you once considered a close friend that has been treating you badly? Reexamine this friendship and determine if the positives of continuing to interact with this individual outweigh the negatives. If they don't, excluding this person from constant thought we associate with friendships would be very advantageous.

Also, just because I have been thinking about the sports that are closely followed in the area, I believe that a lot of misfortune could be avoided by using this reexamination process. The Vikings experiencing another end-of-year collapse? Seeming like the Twins are content just winning another mediocre division title followed by an off-season of losing another

handful of good players? Why not just relax this upcoming year feeling content knowing you're not missing much.

"I cannot see a way in which the equation: 'New Year-negatives + more positives = anything less than an amazing new year' doesn't hold up."

- Jeremy Johnson

= anything less than an amazing new year" doesn't hold up. One may even take awhile to look

back on what is truly important in life and at what is nothing more than silly, unnecessary waste. Maybe in the upcoming weeks and months, when we catch our President on the television talking about the new big "threat" our nation is facing, or how serious the social security system is in need of fixing, we can look back at the past year and reexamine what is really going on. The famous German playwright, poet, novelist, and dramatist Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe may have put it best when he said, "We are never deceived; we deceive ourselves."

Shine Light of Faith, Hope, Love

"Creation"

by James Weldon Johnson

And God stepped out on space
And he looked around and said:
I'm lonely -
I'll make me a world.

And far as the eye of God could see
Darkness covered everything,
Blacker than a hundred midnights
Down in a cypress swamp.

Then God smiled,
And the light broke,
And the darkness rolled up on one side,
And the light stood shining on the other,
And God said: That's good!

By President Bob Holst

James Weldon Johnson's poem "Creation" obviously interprets the story of Genesis one but it also sheds light on our lives today. As we enter Black History Month, it is good to enlighten our minds on the full dynamic and dramatic history of the United States of America. For centuries, the plight and promise of

"Where ignorance exists, prejudice can rule."

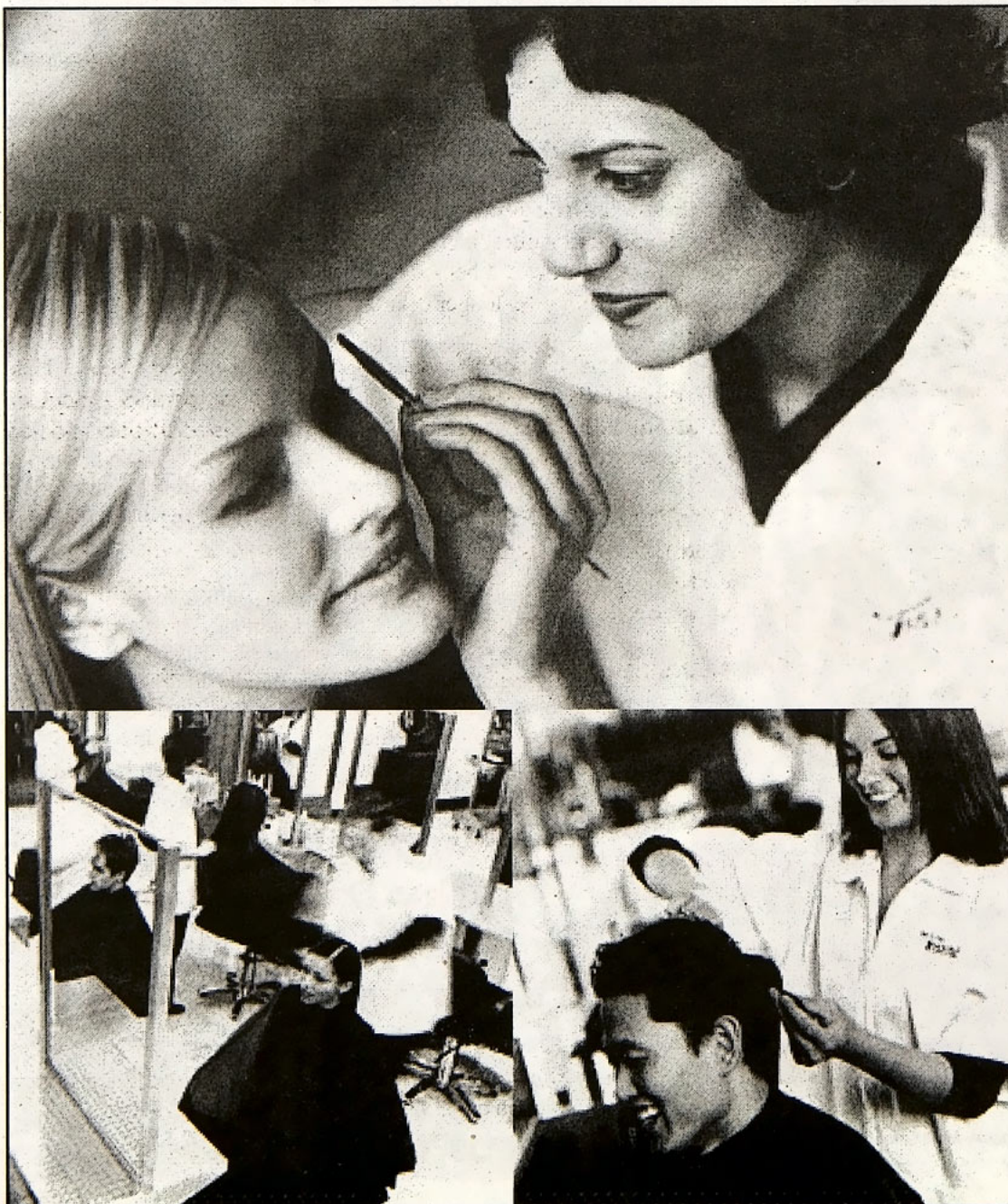
- Bob Holst

History Month at Concordia is filled with events aimed at helping us know, remember, interpret and celebrate some of the greatest tragedies and triumphs, not only of our land but of civilization itself. For those who want to understand a holocaust of suffering conquered

and being conquered by courage, strength, wisdom, love and faith,

African Americans was ignored as though non-existent. Where ignorance exists, prejudice can rule. Weary years and silent tears went unnoticed except by God and those who suffered. May that not happen anymore anywhere, especially not at Concordia. Black

Black History Month is a diamond in the rough. Black history is not someone else's story; it is our story to be understood, embraced and to build on. Black History Month can shine the lights of faith, hope and love on our campus and, as God said, "That's good!"



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Crossing Warm Borders

By Jake Borkhus and Lindsay Hargens

Ysleta opened the door for a mission experience and a door to Mexico for CSP students during winter break. The weeklong trip, sponsored by Concordia Mission Society, involved nights in El Paso, Texas and days working in a foreign land much different from the U.S.A. But, the love of Christ goes beyond any border. The group was Jacob Borkhus, Aaron Cawthorn, Devin Gallison, Abby Gimbel, Matt Griepentrog, Lindsay Hargens, Cameron Heiliger, Rebekah Horn, Kristen Kontak, Alyssa Kontak, and Tara Johnson.

When arriving in El Paso, the group met the Ysleta Lutheran Mission team, who provided the group with both food and

housing. Housing did not seem exactly urgent due to the wonderful weather; it was fair to say the group was happy to be outside basking in the sun while Minnesota was basking... no, more like freezing... freezing their buns off. They took a special delight in that.

The team began their work by painting the dormitory building at the mission site in the actual Historic Ysleta district of El Paso. Painting the entire building was no easy task, but it was easy to socialize amongst the group. The team enjoyed it, but hungered for an opportunity to travel to the Mexican mission sites. The team hopped the border by the second day, attending a worship service in Anapra. Anapra is a town adjacent to Juarez that is actually

a dumpsite.

The rugged downcast cityscape was no match for the sparkle in the children's eyes. The people were all warm and friendly, including the people in the mission site itself along with the general surrounding neighborhood. The love of Christ was present. Work was hard and involved battling the elements. The team roofed the church in 50 m.p.h. winds in a desert. Work continued inside as well, where they replaced the ceiling of the Sunday School building. In between, they made sure to play with the neighborhood kids; it was hard to say goodbye. The love of Christ found in the people and children of Anapra was amazing, as were the compassionate hearts of the individuals in the Ysleta Mission.



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San Pablo Lutheran Church, El Paso, Texas—Leaving El Paso
(left to right: Kristen Kontak, Abby Gimbel, Devin Gallison, Alyssa Kontak, Tara Johnson, Matt Griepentrog, Jake Borkhus, Lindsay Hargens, Aaron Cawthorn, Rebekah Horn, and Cameron Heiliger)

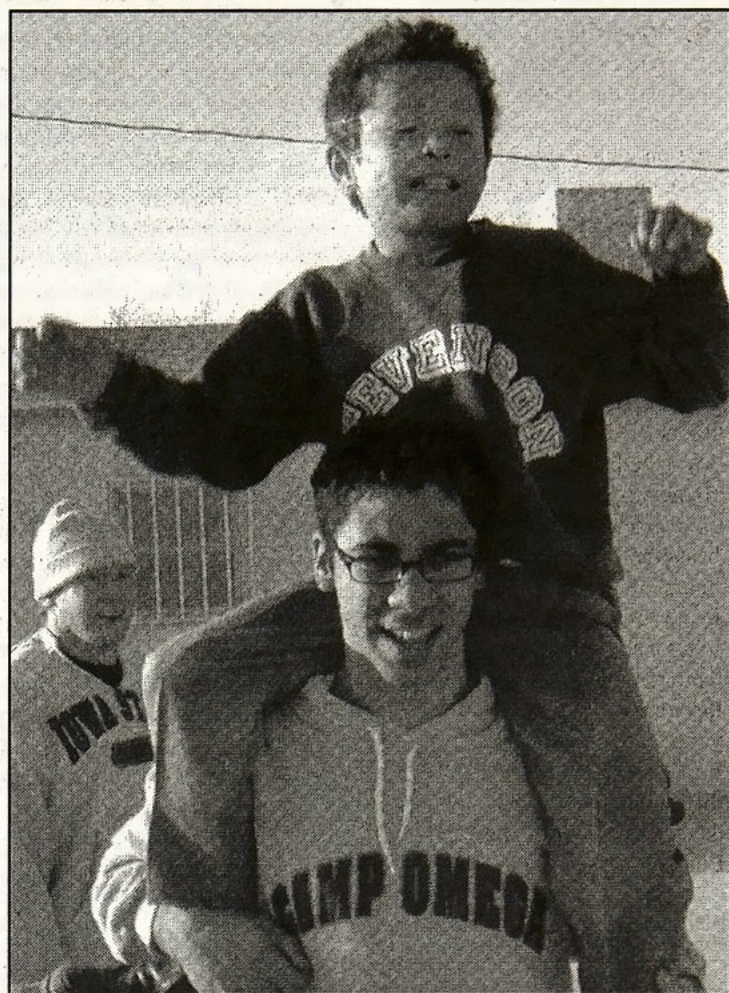


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Anapra, Mexico—Jake Borkhus (center) and Aaron Cawthorn (left) build a relationship with a native boy.

Devoting Time, Talents to Helping Homeless

By Kaitlin Hartnett

Twelve Concordia University students pulled themselves out of bed at seven o'clock on a Saturday morning, Jan. 22, to prepare and serve food to the homeless at the Dorothy Day Center in downtown St. Paul. The Dorothy Day Center is a place for the community of St. Paul to help the homeless by providing meals three times a day. The center not only provides three meals a day, but it also has a food shelf, clothing and hygiene products, medical care, and so forth. In 2003, the center served 284,905 meals to people in need.

Several students responded to the daily bulletin announcement of the volunteer opportunity. "I was honored to be able to help people," junior Michael Miller said. "I really hope in the future that more students will volunteer. You don't just feel good because you've done something, you feel good because you've been a part of something."

Students' basic responsibilities were making/preparing the food and setting up the eating area for the people that arrived. Breakfast

lasts from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m., but the students had to arrive at 7:30 a.m. to have time to prepare everything. They made and served pancakes, sausages, oatmeal and bananas. Miller said they possibly had more than 100 people show up to eat breakfast.

"It was heart-wrenching, knowing that there are still people out there who need so much help," Miller said. "Especially when this social worker came in with three boys; the oldest one was only nine years old and the other two were only eight and three. They came in with hardly any coats or anything."

Sophomore Abby Gimbel said that she felt like it was a really great experience, and not only because they got free breakfast.

"I really didn't want to get up that early in the morning," she said. "But then when I got there, I found out it was worth it. It was a really good way to start a Saturday. It was just really interesting talking to different people, and it felt so great helping them out."

Are YOU interested in
working at the
Dorothy Day Center?
The next date for
student volunteering is
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Crossing Time Zones

By Abby Fink

Wintry Almaty, Kazakhstan warmed the hearts of eight CSP students, Professor Paul Mueller, and his wife, Joy, when the team traveled across 12 time zones to the other side of the world during winter break. Supported by Concordia Mission Society, the team was on a mission—to share God's love. The team consisted of Tara Coy, Abby Fink, Aaron Gehrke, Bob Hoffman, Greg Holz, Rachel Mueller, Paul Mueller, Joy Mueller, Luke Schroeder, and Ashley Staab.

From losing miserably in basketball games to confusing hours of board games, the team made every effort to establish relationships with the locals. The team taught in a school a total of three days, but was able to see the youth each evening at the Mission Education Center (MEC), where the students stayed for nine days. Every day, after teaching English classes in the school, the

team invited the older students to the MEC for a youth night. Members of Christ the Savior Church, located in the heart of the city, and the deacon of the MEC planned special events every evening for a week. From songs to skits, the students and the youth leaders, including CSP Director of Christian Outreach intern Kim Acton, shared God's love with the youth of Almaty.

God was with the team, even on the other side of the world. From nearly missed flights to stubborn headmasters, God was in control. The team worked with the youth leaders to help build a program for the youth living near the MEC. Since the team arrived back in the United States, several youth returned to the MEC, in anticipation of another youth night. This news brought warmth to the team back in blustery Minnesota—the same warmth that the people of Kazakhstan so generously shared with them.



Photo courtesy of CMS

After the CMS team was defeated by a high school basketball team, the school presented them with a trophy for their hard work.

(left to right: Bob Hoffman, Abby Fink, Aaron Gehrke, Ashley Staab, Luke Schroeder, Greg Holz, Rachel Mueller, Paul Mueller)



Photo courtesy of CMS

CMSA day in the mountains with two teachers from the school, CSP Intern Kim Acton, and Kazak ministry worker, Dinara Sol.



Photo courtesy of CMS

Students pose on the first day of teaching English in a fifth grade, Kazakhstan classroom.

Devastation

By Gwen Labovitch

Devastation. A flood covers Asia causing pain and toil. There's an ocean full of tears.

Devastation. A fireball explodes as two airplanes reduce strong towers to rubble, leaving widows and orphans. There's a country weeping.

Devastation. A child clasps the hand of his dying mother; his eyes fill with tears, aware of the pain and change that lies ahead.

Devastation. Crippled. Cancer. Cost. Loss. Pain. Death.

Devastation.

The events that cause devastation, like the tsunami that has killed over 220,000, blindsides us, knocking down our walls and defenses. When all that we had thought to be invincible and unshakable is reduced to nothing, we are able to see where our foundation has been laid.

"He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid a foundation on rock. When a flood came, torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built" (Luke 6:48).

If the unexpected and dangerous floods never came, our foundation would never be revealed, nor would we know our foundation's strongpoint. When our towers crumble—when life crumbles—because of an unknown and unforeseeable event, we can safely cling to the foundation that was given to us in Christ Jesus. The fact that we know "all

things work for the glory of God" (Romans 8:38), provides much comfort as we rely on the loving, merciful God we know and have seen on the cross.

The question then comes to this: what happens to those who are apart from Christ Jesus? What hope do they have? The answer isn't necessarily a comforting one, because there is no hope away from Jesus Christ. For in Jesus Christ, the focus is not on the things around us, but the eternal life and gifts given to us through him. The hope for us, as Christians, is that we know God will use all suffering for his glory. God is using these events to reach people, so that they might know the joy and hope found only in him. Like a father frantically searching the supermarket for his lost child, Christ will never give up on us, even if this causes pain on earth. His focus is on eternal life with him in heaven. Although he does not want to see his children in pain, sometimes the suffering is necessary in order that eyes be opened to what life is all about—to see our foundation rooted in the fullest love and grace of Jesus Christ.

Further Reading:

Lamentations 3:22-23

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

1 Kings 19

James 1:2-4

Teaching Discovery Through Art



Photo by Ben Fink

Becki Berthiaume, second to right (facing camera), entertains guests at her senior exhibition on January 27th in the H. Williams Teaching Gallery.

By Alissa Kness

Becki (Johnson) Berthiaume's Senior Art Exhibition is located in the Concordia Art Department from Jan. 27-Feb. 25, 2005. This exhibit features artwork focused on the human body. Berthiaume describes her interest in capturing the human body through art, saying "created in His image and likeness, the human body is

the most beautiful, awe-inspiring mystery of all creation."

In capturing this image, Berthiaume favors oil paints and charcoal, because "you can mix, move, and manipulate them long after they have been applied to the surface."

These mediums allow her to have more control with the images, changing them as many

times as necessary to achieve the desired result.

Using the human body as inspiration for her work allows

Berthiaume to touch each viewer in a personal way. She states, "I love the encounter one is able to have with the human figure and how one connects to something

so familiar as a human face or hand, discover a personality, relate to the emotions of the image as it perhaps reflects themselves or just appreciate the beauty of human life."

Each viewer will be touched differently by this artwork, but because they all understand the subject matter, it will reach them, artists and non-artists alike.

Looking at her artwork, viewers are struck by her portrayals of the human body. Berthiaume adds that she chose the human body because

"each viewer is able to recognize the figure they see." This is very important, because many viewers will be more touched by the artwork if they understand what

the subject matter is about. Berthiaume successfully uses this subject of the human body to reach her viewers. She says, "though the artwork is still a two-dimensional image, it speaks through

numerous visual cues. In a world of cell phones, email, and communication through machines, I find it gratifying to be forced to stop, look, and wonder." Her artwork causes the viewer to do just that.

"Created in His image and likeness, the human body is the most beautiful, awe-inspiring mystery of all creation."

- Becki Berthiaume

Experiencing "Time and Again St. Paul"



Photo by Ben Fink

Midge Bolt's exhibition runs from Jan. 27 to Feb. 25 in the Art Department gallery.

By Alissa Kness

On Jan 27, the Concordia University Art Department welcomed St. Paul artist Midge Bolt. Bolt's exhibit, entitled "Time & Again St. Paul: where images of the past and present meet," is featured in the Concordia Art Gallery Jan. 27 through Feb. 25, 2005. This exhibit features colored pictures of present day St. Paul overlaid with black and white images of historical St. Paul.

Inspired by past and present photos found in "Then and Now" books, Bolt desired to create a project that was more than just a side by side comparison. "I wanted it to be more of an experience. I wanted people to feel that split second, that one breath, that fleeting moment in time."

So, she created a process of printing black and white historical photos on transparent silk. This silk image then hangs in front of the color photograph. Bolt says, "The challenge

was finding a silk that was sheer enough. I wanted one that would hold the image, but would be sheer enough so that the color image could still be seen through." Printing these historical photos on silk gives them a quality described by many observers as "almost ghostlike."

Bolt arranges these photos in various ways, from wall hangings to shadowboxes and scarves to tunics. One features both the present and historical photo printed on canvas, and hung far enough apart from each other that people can walk through them, or view it from either side; it can be seen with the historical photo above the present one, or vice versa. In setting it up this way, Bolt desired to show that time is fleeting. This setup "gives the viewer the unique experience of seeing through time from either the past to the present or from the present to the past," she said, adding that "the present isn't the present anymore. This is now the past."

In some of her new photos, the

historical photo only covers part of the present one. An example is the photo of Rachel Hill driving her horse and buggy from the James J. Hill House. The black and white photo only shows Rachel Hill and one corner of the house, and it is on top of a picture of the house at present. By making the historical photo smaller than the current one, Bolt brings more attention to the person in the photo. "The photos with people in them bring more of an emotional reaction..."

In these photos, the change between past and present is not drastic. The images therefore become more about the people, emphasizing just how fleeting each moment is."

In this exhibit, Bolt strives to give the viewer an experience through her photography. She wants the viewer to ponder, "what memories are we leaving behind? Just when we realize that we are in the present, the moment slips into the past and we find ourselves asking, where did the time go? The art of photography captures these moments just before they are gone."

"We find ourselves asking, where did the time go?"

- Midge Bolt

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Cheap Thrills: Valentine's Dates

By Ben Fink

Valentine's Day is always highly anticipated for those who want to create the perfect evening for their special someone. It can also cause a lot of anxiety for those who can't think of anything to do. For those who can relate to this, here are some ideas for every budget.

Gifts

It is important to start off the Valentine's date with a gift. It does not have to be expensive because your date knows you are just a poor college student. You could buy her a single flower, burn him a CD, or make her a valentine or some cookies.

Dinner

There are many restaurants near CSP that will be offering special Valentine's Day menus. Just a couple blocks south of Marshall,

on the corner of Snelling and Selby, O'Gara's Bar and Grill is offering affordable dinner specials including a dinner for two for only \$21.95. The dinner, which comes with champagne, includes either steak and shrimp or chicken and ribs.

Axel's Bonfire on Grand Ave., near Victoria Ave., will also be offering special entrees for Valentine's Day including chicken amaretto with fettuccini, steak Oscar, surf and turf, and a seafood medley with halibut, blackened scallops, crab cakes, and pan fried walleye. According to Manager Michelle Heller, these entrees will range between 14 and 25 dollars. Special desserts include Banana Foster and Chocolate Mousse. Also, Heller will be pumping some extra romance into the atmosphere by adding white linen tablecloths and flowers to every table.

If you are still hurting financially

from paying tuition and buying books, the cheapest alternative would be spending the evening in your apartment or dorm room. Little things like cleaning your apartment, lighting some candles, and playing some good music will get cupid on your side. Thanks to Prego, even the most inexperienced cooks can still make some spaghetti for their date, even in a microwave.

Entertainment

Now that dinner is taken care of, the only thing you have to worry about is making sure your date does not fall asleep during the rest of the evening. While it is easy for someone with money to take his or her date to a fancy play or expensive concert, it takes a special effort to keep him or her entertained for under \$10; your date will understand that the cheaper the date, the more thought you put into it.

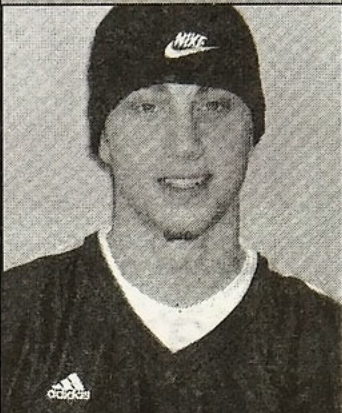
The easiest way to be "romantic"

is to go to the video store and rent the sappiest pap you can find. Films like "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" or "Dirty Dancing" work well. After having a good cry, you can take your date skating at a nearby ice rink. If it is too cold outside, the Depot, on Washington Ave. in Minneapolis is an indoor ice rink, which would be a great alternative. The Depot plays good music and offers drinks as well. Unfortunately, it can be a little expensive, especially if you are renting skates, and will definitely be overcrowded on Valentine's Day.

The truth is that it does not really matter what you do on Valentine's Day, because it is not about the activity, the gift, or the food. It is more about the time spent together, the conversations, and the affection. For more ideas on Valentine's Day, visit <http://aolsvc.digitalcity.com/twincities/valentinesday/>.

CSP Speaks: "Who is your dream celebrity date for Valentine's Day?"

photos by Dr. Bellke



Josh Harrison
"Angelina Jolie, because of her lips! I mean she is gorgeous, but her lips are what get me."



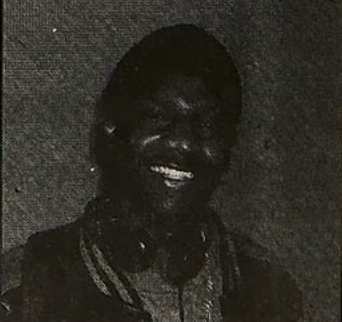
Ryan Johnson
"Jessica Biel - Two words 'Summer Catch'!! If you've seen it you know what I mean."



Mary Schroeder
"Tom Brady"



Molly Libowski
"Snoop Doggy Dogg"



John Holdbrooks
"Ciara, because she can 2 step; she's fine; and she knows how to sing."

Arts Events Calander

Art Exhibitions

Midge Bolt

Time & Again...where images of the past and present meet.
Place: Art Department Gallery
Jan. 27 - Feb. 25, 2005

Rebecca Berthiaume

Senior Exhibition

Place: H. Williams Teaching Gallery
Jan. 27 - Feb. 25, 2005

Musical Performances

ACDA of MN Chamber

Choir Festival

Saturday, Feb. 12, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closing Concert at 4:15 p.m.

Place: Graebner Memorial Chapel

The Closing Concert is free and open to the public.

Faculty Recital Series

Bill Ford, saxophone: Feb. 6, 3:30 p.m.

John Eggert, organ: Mar. 13, 3:30 p.m.

All Faculty Recital Series Concerts are free and open to the public.

Theatre at Concordia

Treemonisha

Feb. 12, 18, 19, 8 p.m.

Feb. 13, 20, 3 p.m.

North Star Opera's new production of Scott Joplin's American Ragtime Opera. The opera tells the inspirational story of a young African-American woman who, because of her education, is able to lead her community out of the bondage of ignorance and superstition.

"His Story is Glorious"

Gospel Time in Gospel Rhyme

10th Anniversary

Performances 1995 - 2005

Mar. 11 - 12, 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 12 - 13, 2 p.m.

Answers According to M

Dear M,

I am single, and I was pretty happy about it until I happened to glance at the calendar. It is February already! I don't necessarily want a long-term intense relationship right now, but I would like a date for Valentine's Day. As much as I think that the holiday is overrated, I can't imagine spending another year at home watching sappy love movies. What should I do?

~ Searching for my Valentine

Dear Searching,

First of all, Valentine's Day is not just a day to celebrate dating relationships; it is a holiday to celebrate the people that you love. Amazingly enough, Valentine's Day can be celebrated with other people that you love—your family or friends. While going out with parents on Valentine's Day may seem immature, your parents may be able to take you someplace nicer than a date could! Family

members also include brothers, sisters, nieces, or nephews.

You do not have to spend the night watching sappy love movies alone. Instead, you could gather a group of friends who also may not have dates and go out to a fancy dinner or stay in for a movie marathon. Time spent with friends can be more memorable than a night with a date.

Another option that you may not have fully considered is whether or not you have a male friend that also does not have a date for the holiday. If you go out with a male friend that you already know is fun, then you are assured of a good time. One warning with taking out a male friend: you must be sure that you have communicated to your male friend that you are going on the date as just friends.

I think that Valentine's Day is a day on which you may not want to start dating someone. Sometimes, first-date pressure is only intensified because it is a

special holiday.

However, if you still feel that you would like to have a date for Valentine's Day, you should consider going out with a group of friends who also have dates. Pressure and tension may decrease when there is a group. The group could go ice skating, go to dinner, go on a limousine ride, or go out to a club. Going out with a group also combines friends and dates, so that the holiday can be a memory that consists of more than one person.

The method to finding a "perfect" date for Valentine's Day may be as simple as looking around to find a gentleman with whom you can have some fun. It is 2005; ask him out. Since you have stated that you are not looking for an intense relationship, I would suggest that your goal be fun on this Valentine's Day.

Happy Valentine's Day,

~ M

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Fifteenth in the Nation and Proving It



Photo courtesy of Jen Foley
Senior Captain, Kayla Christensen, averages just over 12 points a game.

By Ben Johnson

Concordia University women's basketball is ranked 15th in the nation, and they are having yet another outstanding season in the 2004-2005 season. They are currently 11-6 overall with a 3-3 record in conference play. Maybe a more impressive stat, however, is their 5-0 record at home. The women have not yet been beaten at the Gangelhoff Center.

The team is led by the shooting of Senior Jennifer Pozzani and Senior Kayla Christensen. Pozzani is currently averaging 15.6 points a game, and Christensen is averaging just over 12 points a

game. The Bears also have four women who are averaging nearly 10 points a piece a game. This team is very unselfish and every woman contributes.

Senior Captain Christensen was recently named the NSIC player of the week. Christensen was averaging 14 points per game, 6 rebounds, 1.5 assists, 3.5 steals, and 1.5 blocks for that week.

The Bears have some big games coming up in the month of February. On Feb. 11, they will play Northern State, and on Feb. 12, they will take on MSU-Moorhead.



Photo courtesy of Jen Foley
Senior Jennifer Pozzani averages 15.6 points a game.

Bear's Ball Rolling in 2005



Photo courtesy of Jen Foley
Senior Brian Jamros averages 15.8 points per game.

By Ben Johnson

As a new year rolls around the corner, so does a new season for the Concordia Golden Bears men's basketball team, and they are proving to be a threat for this 2005 season. The Bears have a 12-6 record overall, and they are currently 3-3 in conference play. With a 6-1 record at home,

they again prove that home-court advantage is key, and they seem to be taking full advantage of it.

The Bears have shown themselves as a serious threat on the court, and with the hot hands of Senior Brian Jamros, Senior Justin Vandenberg, Sophomore Kyle Marxhausen, and Junior Kenneth Pointer leading the way, the Bears are going to be hard to beat. No longer can teams key in on one player and shut the Bears down. The Bears have plenty of threats, and each one is putting in their part each game. Jamros is averaging 15.8 points a game, Vandenberg is at 15 points a game, Marxhausen is around 12 points a game, and Pointer is around 11 points a game.

This season the Bears also welcomed two new players to the 1000 point scoring list. Senior Captain Jamros and Senior Captain Vandenberg were just recently awarded a game ball for the outstanding achievement

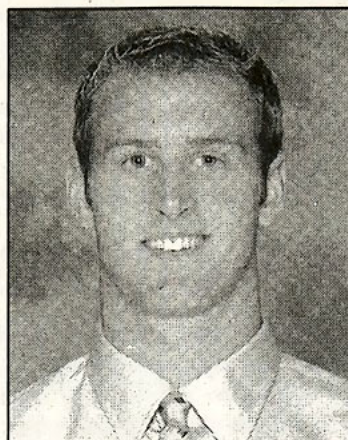


Photo courtesy of Jen Foley
Senior Justin Vandenberg averages 15 points a game.

of reaching 1000 points scored for their college careers. Congratulations are due to both of those players for their hard work and dedication to Concordia and the team.

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Track Team Domination

By Adrian Perryman

The UW-River Falls Early Bird Invite was dominated by the Golden Bear Track Team. River Falls saw eight different CSP athletes take first place in their respective events. On the men's side, seven of the 11 events in which they were entered were won by CSP. The smaller women's team placed very well in the five events in which they competed.

Leading the women's team was senior Heidi Rempp. She placed second in the 55m dash and the 55m hurdles. She also took second place in the shot put, helping her achieve the honor of NSIC runner of the week.

Freshman Kaitlin Hartnett, Shae Wallin and Leah Perzichilli made up the rest of the women's team. Hartnett won the 600m dash in a time of 1:47.20. Wallin also took the top spot in the 1500m run with a time of 5:28.03. Perzichilli placed fourth in the pole vault.

In the 4x400m relay, CSP's two teams placed first and third. The winning team consisted of four athletes who also had individual success that day. Aron Stumvoll and Darrion Branscomb took the two top spots respectively in the 400m dash, and Kyle Warren won the 800m run with a time of 1:59.60. Montez Bridgeforth placed third in the 55m dash, rounding out the winning 4x40 m team.

Dan McPherson placed third in the 200m dash and fourth in the 55m dash. Kyle Verly placed fourth in the 200m dash and second in the 55m dash in his first meet of the season. James McNear also added to the domination by taking first in the high jump event. Sophomore Adrian Perryman took the top spots in both the 55m dash and the 200m dash.

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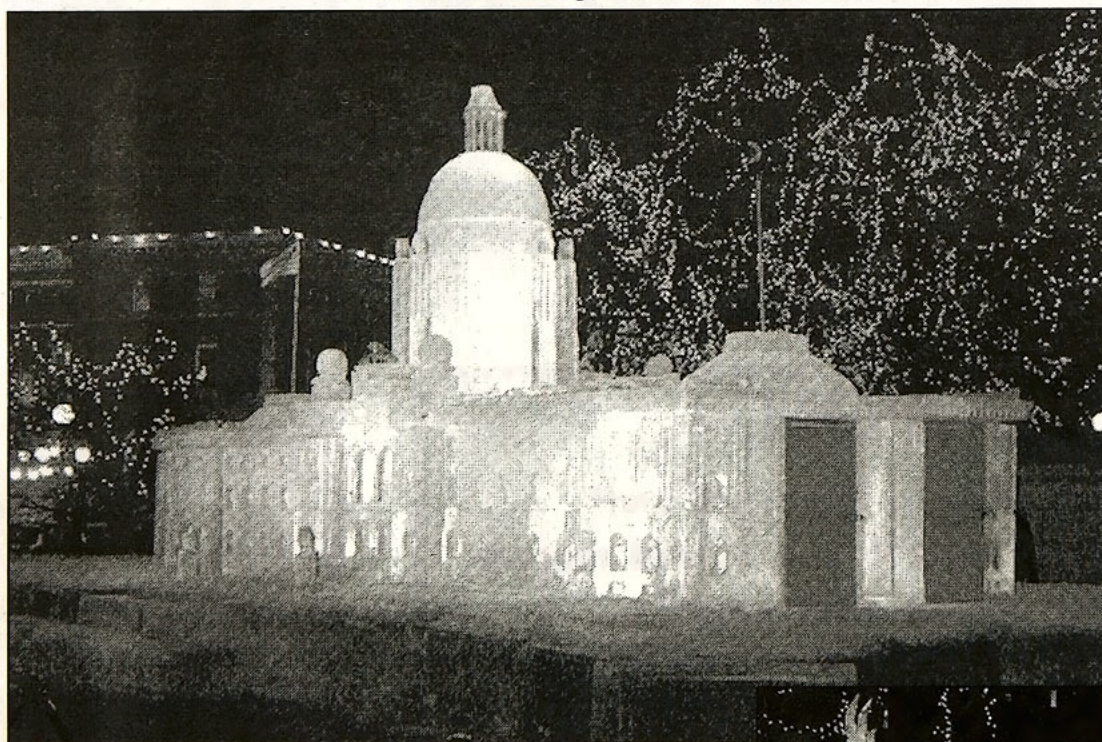
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Winter Carnival Highlights:

Top: The Rice Park Winter Carnival featured a large ice sculpture of the Minnesota State Capitol.

Left: This ice sculpture at the Winter Carnival at Rice Park was created by members of the United States military.

